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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 10

TEACHING THE LAW OF GOD

LESSON TEXT—Neh. 8:1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT—Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.—Ps. 119:33.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Deut. 6:4-9; Acts 17:1-9, 10-15; Col. 1:9-11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Joy of Learning God's Word.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How a Whole City Heard God's Word.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Power of the Word of God.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Community Bible Study.

It will be of interest and profit to present this lesson as an ideal Sunday school class:

1. A Model Bible Class (vv. 1-6).

1. The Eager Assembly (v. 1). The people gathered themselves together and "spake unto Ezra to bring the book of the Law." It was not a matter of the teacher urging the class to come together, but the class with yearning hearts requesting the teacher to come with God's Word. What a delight to teach such a class! It is a most undesirable task to feed a child which is unwilling to eat. People need to come frequently together to hear God's Word. The Bible is the only book for the Sunday school.

2. The Representative Assembly (v. 2). The class was made up of men, women and children. The men then did not leave the church-going to the women. Neither were the children left at home with nurses or to play on the streets. God's Word should be taught to all classes, men, women and children.

3. An Appreciative Assembly (v. 3). Their ears were attentive from morning to midday. So eager were they to know God's Word that they did not get tired although the lesson lasted for five or six hours. There was no pulling of watches in that class.

4. Due Reverence Shown God's Word (vv. 4, 5). When Ezra opened the Law all the people stood up. This they did out of respect for the holy book. The reason there is not proper reverence for the Bible is that people are not taught to believe it is God's Word. Reverence in the house of God will only be when the Bible is regarded as God's very words.

5. They Joined Heartily in the Prayer (v. 6). As Ezra led them in prayer the people joined heartily in saying "Amen! Amen!" bowing their faces to the ground.

II. A Model Bible Teacher (vv. 7, 8).

1. He Stood Up Where the People Could See Him (v. 5). The position and bearing of the teacher has much to do with the attention and interest of the class.

2. He Read Distinctly (v. 8). Teachers should take particular heed to this. Much Bible reading is greatly to the discredit of the Word and the reader.

3. Caused the People to Understand the Reading (v. 8). The supreme business of the teacher is to make the Word of God so plain that all, old and young, can understand.

III. The Impressions Made (vv. 9-18).

The effect of teaching God's Word is most important. In this case it was very encouraging.

1. Conviction of Sin (v. 9). The Word of God brings conviction of sin (Acts 2:37). It is quick and powerful (Heb. 4:12). The way to get conviction of sin is by teaching the Word of God, not by appealing to the emotions by telling death-bed stories. The people had real cause for sorrow—they were far from God. They not only had become worldly and the rich were in their greed oppressing the poor, but they were perplexed through their mixed marriages. What conviction of sin the teaching of God's Word would effect today along this line!

2. Weeping Turned Into Joy (vv. 10-12). When sins have been perceived and confessed God would not have His children to be sad. Continued mourning will not atone for the sins that are past. It unfits one for present tasks and dishonors a pardoning God. Besides, joy has a salutary effect upon one's entire being. It quickens the circulation of the blood and gives buoyancy to life. "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (v. 10).

3. Shared Their Blessings With Others (vv. 10-12). Christianity is not having a good time alone; it is sharing our prosperity with others. True joy manifests itself in giving to others. Pure religion goes out to minister to the poor (Jas. 1:27).

4. The People Obeyed (vv. 13-18). In their acquaintance with the Scriptures they found that the Feast of Tabernacles had been long neglected. As soon as they understood the Scriptures they went forth to do as they had been told. They went to work and kept this sacred feast in a way that it had not been kept since the days of Joshua (v. 17). If the Scriptures were read and made plain many things could be found which have not been complied with. In the keeping of this feast they dwelt in booths, thus typifying their pilgrim character and bringing to their remembrance the days of their wilderness journey. As children of Abraham we should look forward to a city which hath foundations.

Why Go to Church?

The churches keep alive the sense of the greatness of humanity. If I did not go to church for anything else, I should go for this. The sermon might be stupid; then I should not listen to it. The prayers might not suit me; then I should pass them by. The music might grate on my ear; I should try not to hear it. One would be there greater than the temple; greater than its liturgy, its prayers, its priests, its ritual, my brother, man bowed before my Father, God.—James Freeman Clarke.

The Eyes of Others.

It is the eyes of other people that ruin us. If all but myself were blind, I should neither want a fine house nor fine furniture.—Franklin.

Our Faults.

We confess small faults, in order to insinuate that we have no great ones.—Rochefoucauld.

Man.

Man is a reasoning rather than a reasonable animal.—Alexander Hamilton.

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MAYNARD AND 3 OTHERS KILLED

$30,000 at Rutland, Vt., Witness Quadruple Tragedy

PLANE PLUNGES 2000 FEET

Parachute Fails—"Dare Devil" Smith, Hero Of Many Thrilling Drops, At Last Meets Death.

Rutland, Vt.—Before a crowd of 30,000 assembled at the Rutland Fair Grounds a "flying circus" staged with airplanes and balloons was turned into a tragedy, four participants meeting death, one of whom was Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, known as the "Flying Parson," winner of the 1919 round-trip transcontinental aerial race from New York to San Francisco, and an Army aviator of distinction in the World War.

An airplane crashed from a height of 2,000 feet, carrying to their deaths the pilot, mechanic and a passenger. A few hours later an aeronaut, leaping from balloon 1,500 feet in the air, was killed when his parachute failed to open. The dead:

Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, pilot of the airplane.

Lieut. L. R. Wood, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., passenger with Maynard.

Mechanic Charles Mionette, of Plattsburg, N. Y.

Henry A. (Dare Devil) Smith, of Boston, aeronaut.

Lieutenant Maynard and his companions, who had been making daily flights at the fair grounds, crashed about 1 o'clock in a field near the grounds. Hardly had the crowd recovered from the shock and thrill of this tragedy when the second accident came. Smith, a professional aeronaut, had already made two successful parachute leaps at various altitudes during the afternoon. On the third attempt the parachute was seen to open slightly, then close up tightly. Then the aeronaut dropped like a plummet, falling just outside the fence of the grounds.

Smith, who was 43 years of age, had been giving parachute exhibitions at fairs throughout the East for the past ten years and was regarded as one of the best in his line. Two years ago while attempting a parachute drop from an airplane, at Lynn, Mass., he fell 800 feet and was severely injured. The aeronaut claimed that his average was 30 parachute drops a year.

Lieutenant Maynard and his two companions crashed to almost instant death when their plane went into a nose dive at an altitude of 2,000 feet and fell to earth.

Lieutenant Wood and Charles Mionette, who with Lieutenant Maynard comprised the personnel of a "flying circus" that had entertained large crowds daily for a week with stunt flying, went up today as passengers. Both were instantly killed. Lieutenant Maynard, who piloted the plane, was breathing when spectators rushed to the wreck, but died on the way to the hospital.

The three aviators, using Maynard's machine, took off the field about 1 o'clock for an exhibition flight. They had performed several of the stunts on their program when, at an altitude of 2,000 feet, Lieut. Maynard tried a tail spin, apparently believing that he was a greater altitude. The plane refused to respond and fell into a nose dive, landing in a corn field at the edge of the fair grounds, a mass of wreckage.

Governor Hartness and staff were among the crowd, which was the largest in the history of the fair.

The body of Lieut. Maynard was sent to his home at Maynard, N. C. The local post of the American Legion took charge of the arrangements and escorted the casket to the train.

New York.—Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, "the Flying Parson," who crashed to his death in an airplane at Rutland, Vt., became internationally known in 1919 when he won the round-trip trans-continental race between New York and San Francisco.

When the United States went to war with Germany Maynard was a student in the Wake Forest Theological Seminary, a Baptist institution at Raleigh, N. C. At commencement time in June he went into the Army, enlisting as a private, and soon was sent overseas.

In the aviation service he rapidly advanced and was commissioned a lieutenant. He showed such aptitude for the air that he was designated a reserve military aviator, a coveted distinction, and shortly afterwards was appointed chief test pilot at the big air base of the American Expeditionary Forces at Romorantin, France. There, in that dangerous capacity, he flew hundreds of machines of every type. While at Romorantin he gained public note by setting a world's loop-the-loop record, turning over 318 times without losing altitude.

Coming home after 17 months in France, Maynard was made chief test pilot at Hazelhurst Field, Long Island.

In August, 1919, he won the New York-to-Toronto-and-return air derby, speeding over the 1,040-mile course at an average rate of 133.8 miles an hour. Two months later he won the round-trip transcontinental derby, in which 64 of the crack aviators of the nation were entered. His elapsed time was 9 days, 4 hours, 26 minutes and 5 seconds and his flying time about 49 hours and 45 minutes.

Since his discharge about 18 months ago Maynard had been in commercial aerial photography work, living in Queens Borough with his wife and four children, who were at home when news of the tragic fall at Rutland came.

He always kept up his work as a parson, no matter how insistent the call of the air. Last April he performed the marriage ceremony for a couple who wanted to be wed above the ground.

Two weeks ago he soared up over the Hudson with L. Wilson Bertaud, another noted flier, and Miss Helen Virginia Lent, and while in the air made them man and wife.

HARD COAL MINES REOPEN

Scale Committee Meet to Ratify Agreement

NORMAL PRODUCTION SOON

Hoover To See Operators To Arrange For Distribution And Price Limitation—New Contracts.

Philadelphia. — Anthracite miners and operators, having settled their wage differences after more than five months of controversy, every effort will be made to start production of coal as soon as possible. The scale committee summoned Sunday went into session here to consider and approve the agreement reached Saturday and to call a delegate convention of miners at Wilkes-Barre to ratify the new pact formally.

It was the first time in the history of anthracite wage negotiations that miners have met on a Sunday, the precedent being broken in order to get quick action. Leaders expressed the opinion that the hard-coal mines would be in operation by the first of next week and that normal production would be quickly reached. The production is estimated at about 40,000,000 tons behind last year.

Members of the scale committee entered here Sunday without any definite knowledge of the final agreement. This was due to the fact that the announcement of the settlement was made so late Saturday night that the information did not reach the committeemen before they left for this city. The agreement met with the general approval of most of the committeemen and no difficulty was anticipated by them in having the convention ratify the new pact.

After the agreement is finally approved operators and miners will meet and formally sign a contract. The date of the expiration of the new contract is rather an odd one as viewed by the mine workers. Heretofore all contracts have expired on March 31, which, in the coal industry, is the end of the coal year when contracts between producers and large consumers generally expire. It is also the shortest contract proposed since the operators have been dealing with the United Mine Workers of America.

BULL CHASES FLAGMAN

Forgets Being Hit By Train, Seeing Red Signal.

Braintree, Mass.—It would be great to have bulls educated in flag signals, according to New Haven railroad brakemen.

A bull at Braintree Highlands wandered onto the railroad tracks just as a train was approaching.

The locomotive sideswiped the bull and pushed him aside. According to all good train practice the train was stopped to see what damage was done to the bull and a brakeman sent to the rear to stick up a red flag to warn oncoming trains.

The bull, peeved by the red flag and forgetting that he had been hit, drove at the red-flagging brakeman like a thunderbolt. The brakeman beat the bull to the platform just about in time.

"VET" HOSPITAL CONTRACT LET.

Award Made For $123,950 Work At Tuskegee, Ala.

Washington.—Award of a contract for road construction at the United States Veterans' Hospital for Negroes at Tuskegee, Ala., for $123,950, to Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, Ala., was announced by Assistant Secretary Clifford, of the Treasury. The contract covers two pieces of road construction, one of which to be completed in six months and the other in eight months.

Work on the veterans hospital at Tuskegee, which is to cost $2,225,000, is progressing rapidly, officials declared, and the indications are that the new institution will be completed well ahead of the time set in the contract.

TO BAN GRADE CROSSINGS

Reading City And Railway Officials Agree On $4,500,000 Plan.

Reading, Pa.—Preliminaries to the agreement by which grade crossings here will be eliminated at a cost of $4,500,000 have been cleared up by city officials, Reading Railway officials and the Chamber of Commerce. The Seventh street tracks are to be shifted to Lemon street. The tracks will run under the business section, with a passenger station on Penn street.

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE WINS

Anti-Saloon League Candidates Snowed Under.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Robert M. LaFollette, by a landslide vote, was nominated for United States Senator by the Republicans of Wisconsin. He defeated William A. Gaenfield by a majority of nearly 150,000, and probably will run against Mrs. Jesse J. Hooper for re-election in November. The Senator carried the entire slate of State officials to victory with one possible exception.

SPURNED MAN BURNED GIRL ALIVE

Guide 68, Confesses Murder of Housekeeper, 19

DECLARES HE WAS JEALOUS

Victim Wrapped In Gasoline-Soaked Bedclothes After Repulsing Attack—Girl Rejected Marriage.

Halifax, N. S.—Confessions that he burned alive pretty 19-year-old Flora Gray after she had successfully repulsed his advances in her bedroom, was made by Omar P. Roberts, 68 years old, prominent guide and proprietor of a hunting lodge.

Roberts was carried into court, his feet having been badly burned by the flames which destroyed Miss Gray. Preliminary hearing of what is declared the most fiendish crime of Nova Scotia history was held behind locked doors because of the revolting details of the attack and murder.

A plea of guilty, without counsel and a complete confession was offered by Roberts, according to the authorities.

The guide, who had testimonials from leading clergymen and sportsmen throughout the United States certifying to his character and the comfort of his lodge and camps, declared he committed the murder on the night of August 28. He told his story to a jailer in his cell.

Flora Gray, he said, was housekeeper at his lodge, Riverside House, at North Kempville. Pretty, less than a third his age, she attracted him overpoweringly. He proposed marriage, but she scoffed at the idea.

"She loved the hired man. Ransom Randoll, Roberts told the jailer. "I had a good home to give her, but I didn't blame her so much."

According to his confesion, the guide went to Flora's bedroom late at night. He declared his "intentions were evil." They failed.

"I did what I did then because of jealousy," Roberts said. He told of wrapping the girl in her bedclothing, so she was powerless to move, and of pouring gasoline over her. He said he then set fire to the girl with a match, and, after a minute or two, fled.

He drove to a neighboring house and gave the alarm of fire.

Randoll, the hired man, rushed to the scene. He and Avery Gray, a relative of the victim, went to Flora's room, beating their way in through flames. In a corner, under a mattres, lay her charred body.

One report was that she was able to whisper the name of her assailant.

Roberts, in another part of his confession, said Flora struggled as he poured gasoline over her, and that he spilled some on his own feet. The flames that enveloped the girl leaped to his mocassins and leggings as he fled.

W. G. McADOO FOR PRESIDENCY.

Avowed Candidate For Democratic Nomination.

New York.—William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, is an avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1924, William C. Lyons, of Denver, a former Colorado State Senator and sergeant-at-arms at the last three Democratic conventions declared here.

"I saw McAdoo in Los Angeles less than a month ago," Mr. Lyons said, "and he told me very plainly that he would be in the race this time. He will enter the California Presidential primaries unopposed, and will have the undivided support of such leaders as Gavin McNabb and the Democratic organization in San Francisco.

RESCUER GETS $30,000 ESTATE.

Veteran Seaman Rewarded For Deed 13 Years Before.

New York.—John W. Van Derveer, veteran sea captain of New Brunswick, N. J., was notified that he had fallen heir to the $30,000 estate of Patrick Lang, of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., whom he rescued from drowning 13 years ago. Lang, Captain Van Derveer and four other men were wrecked in a small boat off Atlantic Highlands in September, 1909. Two of the party were drowned and two were rescued by a fish boat. Captain Van Derveer swam with Lang to shore.

ENTOMBED MINERS ARE DEAD.

Jackson, Cal.—E. A. Stent, vice-president of the Argonaut Mining Company, believes that the 47 miners entombed in the Argonaut mine here have perished, he declared in the first official statement he has issued since the men were trapped by a fire a week ago Sunday night.

"I sadly fear that all we can do is to bring out the 47 bodies."

"I do not hold out any hope for the rescue of many, if any, of the men. I do not place any credence in the alleged reports of signals from the entombed miners."

MISS TUMULTY BETTER.

Her Father And Mother Have Arrived At Munich.

Washington.—Improvement in the condition of Miss Mary Tumulty, daughter of Joseph P. Tumulty, who was secretary to former President Wilson, was reported in a cablegram received by friends here from Mr. Tumulty. Miss Tumulty is suffering from pneumonia and from injuries received in an automobile accident near Munich. The message said Mr. and Mrs. Tumulty had arrived at Munich.

WOODFILL TO WORK ON DAM

Will Receive Twice Pay He Did As Army Sergeant.

Cincinnati.—Sergt. Samuel Woodfill, chosen by General Pershing as the greatest single hero of the World War, was at work Monday on the Government dam on the Ohio river at Silver Grove, Ky., a short distance above Cincinnati.

"My husband went to work on the dam because he finds it difficult to raise money to pay for our home that will be due on January 1," Mrs. Woodfill said. "He could never do it on his sergeant's pay, and the work at the dam opened a way for him."

Sergeant Woodfill was assigned to carpentering work at the dam. His pay will be $6 a day, which is just twice as much as he receives as a sergeant in the United States Army. He expects to remain at this work here during the three months' leave granted him by Lieutenant Colonel Turnor, commanding officer at Fort Thomas, Ky., where Sergeant Woodfill is assigned as duty sergeant.

HARDING IN FAVOR NEW PANAMA PACT

Present Treaty Declared Not Adequate

PANAMA DESIRES CHANGE

Hay-Bunau-Varillas Agreement Intended Only For Period Of Canal Construction—Treaty Now Inadequate.

Washington.—Abrogation of the present treaty arrangement with Panama, which he said was intended to operate only during the construction of the Panama Canal, and the negotiation of a new treaty with that government was recommended to Congress by President Harding.

With a communication to Speaker Gillett, setting forth his views and declaring that the change was desired by the Government of Panama, the President transmitted a letter from Acting Secretary Phillips of the State Department stating that the agreement, formulated by Secretary of War Taft in 1904, was intended to serve as a modus operandi during the period of canal construction. Later it was ratified in the Panama canal act.

The agreement, Mr. Phillips said, no longer provides an adequate basis for adjustment of questions arising out of the relations between the canal zone authorities and the Government of Panama, and it is the opinion of this Department, and I am informed, of the War Department also, that the agreement should be replaced by a more permanent arrangement."

One of the provisions of the 1904 treaty which Panama would like to have modified is said to be that for the expropriation of lands needed for the construction or uses connected with the canal, and for fixing the price of lands upon the basis of the value they had prior to the pact—that is, without considering the "unearned increment" reached on account of the construction of the waterway.

The Panamans now state that all the lands needed for the canal itself have been used and that it is not just now to compel the landowners to sell their properties at an extremely low price, depriving them of the natural increase of value independent of the canal.

Another point, which, it is understood, the Panama Government is anxious to have clarified is that referring to the right recognized for the United States Government to intervene in behalf of peace and order in the Republic of Panama.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN SACK.

Police Making Searching Inquiry In Kansas City.

Kansas City.—The body of a girl, apparently about 12 years old, found tied in a gunny sack and floating in the Missouri river near here, is the subject of a searching police inquiry. The body was clad only in a blue gingham dress and wrapped in a gray blanket and had no marks of identification, according to S. E. Monroe, a deputy coroner. The skull was fractured and the nose crushed.

The police questioned two men and a woman who admitted having been on an automobile party the night of August 4, but thus far no connection has been established. The body was found by fishermen.

FOUR KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Disaster Occurs When Curious Man Touches Match To Powder.

New York.—Four persons were killed and several injured while the Clyde Line steamer Inca was unloading explosives at Macoris, Santo Domingo, on August 22. Three of the dead were natives, one of whom had struck a match to see whether some powder which had been spilled on deck really was gunpowder.

LENINE TO RESUME WORK

Health Of Moscow Government Head Steadily Improving.

Berlin.—The health of Nickolai Lenine, head of the Moscow Government, is improving steadily and he will be able to resume his official duties November 1, it was learned from Russian sources. Lenine will deliver an address at a revolutionary celebration in November and in the following month he will address the All Russian Congress of Soviets.

RADIO

COUPLING CONTROLS THE OSCILLATIONS

How the Vacuum Tube Radio Receiver Can Be Made Regenerative.

If it were not for the bends in the characteristic curve, the three-electrode vacuum tube could not be made to produce oscillations of constant amplitude when self excited. It is easily seen that if the characteristic curve were a straight line, the operation of the tube would be so unstable as to render the tube useless as an oscillation generator. A third condition of relative values of potential variations can exist, that is, when the grid circuit potential variations are less than the potential variations existing in the tuned circuit between the points X and Y. When this condition exists, the oscillations in the tuned circuit cannot be maintained but the decrease in amplitude in the tuned circuit oscillations will reduce the grid excitation, and the tube will finally cease to oscillate.

Thus the coupling that exists between the plate circuit through the tuned circuit inductance L, and the grid circuit through the inductance l, control the conditions that will or will not cause the tube to act as a generator of undamped oscillations.

Suppose that the coupling existing between the two coils L and l is such that the rate of generating oscillations in the coil l is just equal to the rate of losses here, is the most effective rate; it will require greater and greater variations in potential in the coil L to maintain the same variations in the coil l. This weakening of the plate to grid coupling causes stronger oscillations in the plate circuit. The limit is reached when the plate current reaches the saturation point. After this point is reached, further weakening of the coupling cannot increase the plate current variations so that the transfer of energy from the plate to grid circuit now decreases, and any further reduction in coupling will cause such a reduction in excitation that finally the tube will cease to function.

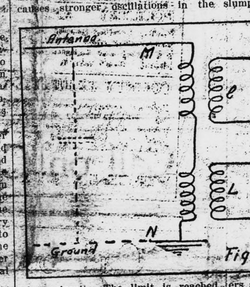

Fig. XL

There is, then, a certain degree of coupling at which the tube will start to oscillate, a certain degree of coupling which will produce maximum oscillation in the plate circuit and another degree of coupling at which the tube will cease to oscillate.

From the foregoing short discussion it can be seen that a three electrode vacuum tube can be made to function as a self excited generator of an undamped alternating difference of potential at radio frequency, or by exciting the tube externally by, for example, an incoming radio signal, the amplified plate circuit variations in potential can be fed back into the grid and held to further increase the amplitude of the plate circuit variations. In

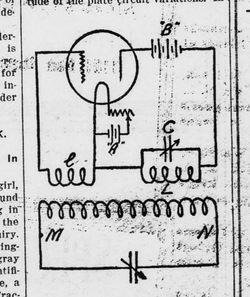

Fig XXXIX

the former conditions the tube is used in continuous wave telegraphy and in radiophone transmitters.

When operating under the latter conditions, the tube is used in "regenerative" circuits of radio receivers to produce enormous amplification. When used in radio receiving circuits, of such kind that energy is transferred from the plate circuit to the grid circuit, we have the famous "Armstrong regenerative" or "feed back" circuit which is so generally used at the present time.

Any vacuum tube radio receiver can be made regenerative by arranging the circuit in such a manner that the plate circuit energy is fed back into the grid circuit. This may be accomplished by either magnetic or electstatic coupling.

In Figure XXXVI the tube was made self exciting by coupling an inductance C connected in the grid circuit to L, an inductance in the tune plate circuit. A development of this circuit is shown in Figure XXXIX.

Here the energy, instead of being directly coupled from the plate to the grid circuit, is first necessary to an intermediate circuit, M-N, and then to the grid circuit. It is necessary of course, that the circuit X-Y and M-N have the same natural period, that is to say, they must be tuned to the same frequency. If the frequency is relatively high, the condenser C can be dispensed with, and the capacity of the plate to filament used as a portion of the oscillation plate circuit.

The circuit as shown in Fig. XXXIX is inherently the circuit used in low power undamped or continuous wave radio telegraph transmitters. By substituting in the oscillating circuit M-N the capacity of an antenna with respect to the ground, we have the continuous transmitter shown in Fig. XL.

By placing a key in the "B" or plate battery to turn the plate battery off and on the start and stop, the tube oscillating dots and dashes can be sent out by varying the coupling between the grid and plate coils l and L and the antenna circuit, the transmitter is adjusted for maximum power output. To adjust the wave length the value of the antenna inductance is varied.

SUMMER SLUMP IS BENEFIT

Both Manufacturers and Dealers In Radio Apparatus Are Learning a Needed Lesson.

"The slump in the radio business during the summer months is a boon to the entire industry," declares Joseph D. R. Freed, in an interview published in Radio Merchandising. "Both the radio dealers and the more stable and serious manufacturers are learning a well-needed lesson from this slump," he says. "For example, dealers are beginning only now to realize the truth of the fact that they cannot afford to carry a large and heterogeneous lot of odds and ends in radio apparatus in the hopes that they will be able to dispose of it. They are learning now, by a slow process, that wholesale overstocking of apparatus in an effort to meet the spasmodic demand of radio 'faddists' is not going to prove profitable in the long run. They are beginning to realize that dependable apparatus, bought to meet the varying radio conditions, is more to be relied upon than unknown apparatus that looks good in the catalogue, and is merely an ornament upon the shelves.

"Manufacturers, too, are learning their lesson from this slump. They are realizing that the time of 'order taking' is past and that the time of 'order getting' is here. They are learning now, if they didn't know it before, that in order to sell radio apparatus, they must give good value, serviceable merchandise, attractive prices and real service and dealer co-operation."

SPARKS

It is reported Doctor Marconi has obtained a speed of 200 words a minute in transoceanic radio messages.

Utah telephone companies are fighting the use of radio for commercial purposes. The old story of trying to sweep back the waves.

A San Francisco paper prints a funny picture of a young woman suing for divorce on the ground of "radio." She told the judge her husband hadn't noticed her for three weeks.

It is said the youngest licensed radio operator lives in Los Angeles in the person of Bobbie Garcia, aged eight years. He is the son of an electrician and it is claimed helped to build the first radio station on the Pacific coast.

Three children were recently burned to death at Aiken, S. C., in a fire resulting from a short circuit in a radio transformer. The national board of underwriters is sending out warnings of the necessity for protecting radio wires from lightning and light and power currents.

Radio is co-operating with the farmers' granges in the East, giving the latest prices for fruits and vegetables, which are posted for ready reference. The farmers claim false quotations have been given them heretofore by unscrupulous dealers in the big cities, and they have in this way been defrauded of large sums.

Floral Border.

A black crepe de chine frock is effectively trimmed with small flowers of self material. In the center of each flower is a bead of crystal. This decoration edges the neck, sleeves and the side panels.

Table Apron.

A practical table apron for the youngster of high chair age is made of thin rubberized silk and finished with sleeves held in at the wrist with little elastic bands.

Millinery.

A smart hat of white organdie is trimmed with small roses of organdie, arranged in a wreath on the extreme outer edge of the hat. This is recommended more for its beauty than utility.

Net Scarfs.

Very coarse filet net is being embroidered in yarn in large, colorful patterns, and used for table covers. Sometimes the pattern is filled in in heavy cream linen thread.

VIRGINIA NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Clarksville.—The Clarksville tobacco market will open the auction warehouses on September 19. A larger corps of buyers than usual will be on this market during the approaching season.

Hopewell.—Police Chief Thurston in submitting his report for the month of August shows that there were ninety-seven arrests, in spite of the fact that there were several days during the month when the court calendar was blank.

Winchester.—Funeral services were held for Jacob Daniel Funkhouser, 17, son of Loring Funkhouser, who died from injuries caused by being kicked in the stomach by a horse in a stable on his father's farm. His parents, two brothers and one sister survive.

Lynchburg.—Marshal Lodge of Masons here has inaugurated a move to provide a memorial in honor of L. E. Thomas, an eminent Mason who died here recently, the character of which is to be determined upon later.

Hopewell.—The drive to raise $10,000 for the local chapter of the Red Cross opened Sunday. Practically every organization in the city has pledged its support and fully expects to have the money raised by the ending of the campaign.

Lynchburg.—Frank Wright, of Bedford, well-known Norfolk and Western special agent, whose headquarters are here, was run down by an automobile driven by William Martin, and Mr. Wright suffered the fracture of one of his legs below the knee.

Petersburg.—J. W. Duncan, the new physical director of the Y. M. C. A., arrived in the city to take up his duties. Mr. Duncan succeeds W. A. Carnes. Mr. Duncan comes from Oxford, N. C., where he had charge of the physical department of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Winchester.—Discontinuance of two passenger trains on the Shenandoah division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and of two on the Hagerstown (Md.) branch, were announced, and it was said the trains probably will not be placed in service again until strike conditions improve.

Lynchburg.—Robert Grubbs, a Norfolk and Western conductor, was arrested here on the charge of shooting Lenwood Porter, a striking machinist, of the same railroad. Porter was shot through the right cheek and was not seriously hurt. Both men declined to discuss the trouble between them.

Danville.—Halifax County has produced a new contender for the "oldest man" record. He is "Uncle" Warren Meddly, reputed to be 117 years of age and living three miles from News Ferry. He claims to have been a slave of the late James Meddly. Despite his great age he is in good physical condition.

Richmond. — The Montgomery Amusement Corporation, Blacksburg, Va., with a maximum capital stock of $25,000, and minimum of $5,000, was granted a charter by the State Corporation Commission, to conduct amusement enterprises of all kinds. The officers and incorporators are W. E. Kelsey, president; R. F. Black, secretary, and J. H. Hoge, all of Blacksburg.

Hampton.—The first step looking to incorporating the lower end of the Virginia Peninsula into the city of Hampton Roads was taken at the meeting of the Hampton City Council when a resolution was passed by the body directing the proper city officers to investigate the plan of making an incorporated city from Mill Creek Bridge to the Salters Creek line at the intersection of Newport News.

Fredericksburg.—Work on construction of a new bridge over the Rappahannock River at Falmouth, to be a connecting link in the Richmond-Washington Highway, will commence on Monday, September 11. The contract for the substructure was awarded last week to the Major Construction Company, of Front Royal, Va., at a figure of $30,434.80, and for the superstructure to the Atlantic Bridge Company, of Roanoke, Va., at $63,030. The total contract price is $93,464.80. The bridge is to replace the one destroyed by the ice jam during the winter of 1917. The contract calls for completion within one year.

Roanoke.—Election of officers and the adoption of a constitution featured the first day's session of the joint convention of the Lutheran Synods of Virginia, Southwest Virginia and the Holston Synod here. The officers elected are C. Brown Cox, president, Marion; C. W. Cassell, secretary, Luray; Dr. A. B. Griner, treasurer, Rural Retreat, and statistical secretary, Harry Pugh, of Richmond. It was unanimously decided to name the new synod the Lutheran Synod of Virginia, and it includes the State of Virginia and the eastern part of Tennessee.

Winchester.—The Handley School will be built at once by J. L. Crouse, according to an announcement made by the board of Handley trustees and the city school board. The contractor is to begin within a year from October 1. The Handley School project is being developed along many new and novel lines by Superintendent F. E. Clerk, formerly of Cleveland, whose ideas of combining private benefactions with public funds in public school work is attracting much attention among educators of national and international repute.

Newport News.—A man-eating shark, nine feet long, and weighing 600 pounds was captured off this port. The shark was killed and brought to the small boat harbor. The man-eater was captured by four fishermen after a hard fight. The men killed the animal with a spear constructed from a boat hook, but not until after he had torn the net to shreds.

Danville.—John Flippen, a farmer of Spring Garden, was near death for several hours the other day after swallowing a yellow jacket, which stung him in the mouth, throat and further internally. Flippen was drinking cider through a straw, the insect being sucked into his mouth. Flippen was in agony for some time and the swelling from the stings further increased his discomfort. A physician was called and prescribed a lotion, which finally brought relief.

Charlottesville.—At a meeing of the City Council, Dr. William S. Keister was elected health officer to succeed the late Dr. R. Lindley Robertson. He is to serve until March 1, next. H. A. Haden, of Crozet, was elected auditor of the city to succeed E. I. Carruthers, of the University. The city manager, Boyde A. Bennett, was authorized to appoint a committee of three to take care of the city's poor. Councilman Joachim stated that the city was being imposed upon in many cases.

Onley.—Incessant rains are holding back the sweet potato crop from the Eastern Shore, and what sweets are being shipped are poor in quality, thereby holding down the price to the lowest level known for many years. An increased acreage of hay is evident on the Shore, but much of it is being damaged by the heavy downpours, which prevent curing. Some farmers are losing horses and mules through the feeding of mouldy hay and fodder.

Staunton.—During memorial exercises here, conducted by Woodmen of the World camps of Augusta County United States Senator Morris Shepard, of Texas, the principal speaker, took occasion to say during a fraternal address, that "I would rather be Woodrow Wilson, broken in body and health, but rich in the knowledge that I had pointed out the road to universal peace, than to have all the honors and riches that this world could bestow."

Warrenton.—Mrs. W. W. Carter, of Warrenton, was seriously injured about the face and head when a dynamite cap exploded in a stove which she was cleaning, badly injured her face and head. One eye also is injured. Mrs. Carter and all the members of her household are at a loss to explain the presence of the cap. Mrs. Carter was cleaning out the cooking stove preparatory to getting dinner, and was naturally looking into the stove as she raked out the contents of the fire box, when the explosion took place, blowing part of the metal fire box against her head.

Clifton Forge.—John Adams, alias Thorpe, who on August 9 is alleged to have shot and mortally wounded E. B. Butler, then sheriff of Alleghany county, in the mountains near Covington, was arrested in Webster county, W. Va., by Sheriff Ayche, of Covington, and three other officers. The prisoner was taken to Charlottesville under guard and will be held there until the time of his trial. Adams is said to have been engaged in operating a distillery in this State and it was when Butler went to his home to search his premises that the shooting took place.

Danville.—Ewell Cox, prominent Patrick County man, who was shot by one of three negroes who waylaid him near Fayerdale, died at Lucy Lester Hospital, in Martinsville. Sheriff B. F. Stultz reported that Cox made no antemortem statement. In fact his condition after the operation was one of coma. It was seen early in the night that he stood small chance of surviving. After being wounded Cox shot and killed George Scott, one of his assassins. According to the Henry County officers, Harry Smith is being sought as one of the two fugitives, Cox having named this man as in the party which ambushed him.

Danville.—How Mrs. Edward Walker, whose search for her child kidnapped from Danville seventeen years ago carried her through thirty States, nearly claimed the wrong man as her long-lost progeny was revealed here. Dispatches from Atlanta brought word for the first time that Clarence Walker, the toddler rudely snatched from the parental home on Lee street, had been restored to his mother. Mrs. Walker and her son are here now visiting Mrs. J. L. McColn, her sister on Jefferson street, but proposes to go back to Waukesha, Wis., within a few days. The son she lost seventeen years ago was found a week ago in Atlanta, where he was assistant manager of a five and ten cent store, obtaining this position after leaving the army.

Winchester.—W. A. Baker was elected president of the new City Council, succeeding Fred L. Glaize, who retired with several other councilmen, whose terms had expired. Mr. Ba